

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 7, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on May 7, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman John Meeks
Comm. Matt Brooks
Comm. Rock Meeks
Comm. Lilly Rooks
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. Comm. Joyner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	134182-134374
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,376,062.48
ROAD	156,993.13
SHIP	54,995.58
MOSQUITO CONTROL	69.98
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	10,107.05
TRANSPORTATION	13,154.19
911	59,368.42
COURT FACILITIES	3,378.87
MISC GRANTS	32,351.88
EMS	37,328.88
FIRE	190,319.01
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	3,533.89
UTILITIES	4,540.42
ADD COURT COSTS	5,320.45
CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,681.26
LANDFILL	3,006.11
TOTAL	\$ 1,952,211.60

EFT/ACH PAYMENT

\$ 301,528.26

MINUTES

The minutes for the regular Board meeting held on March 5, 2019 were presented for approval.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on March 5, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eddie Red, Councilman from Yankeetown spoke to the Board about their concerns of the county maintained storm water drainage system along CR40 & 40A.

Comm. John Meeks responded to Mr. Red's concerns stating the Road Department has been working on other areas of concern which have come up including the Transfer Station in 8 Mile and they will get back to Yankeetown as soon as possible.

Casey Duquette gave an estimated number of culverts and the area's which are in need of work.

Linda Cooper offered suggestions of how to take care of this issue.

BUILDING & ZONING

Robert Boulette, Director

- A. Public Hearing – Hardship Variance (Ha.Va. 02-19). Ms. Betty Lou Landes petitioning the Board to allow a second dwelling for the purpose of taking care of her father.

Atty Brown swore in any members of the audience wishing to speak for or against any of the three (3) items to be presented.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was any ex parte communication by any of the Commissioners. There was none.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item presented. There was none.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Hardship Variance Ha. Va. 02-19 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Public Hearing – Hardship Variance (Ha.Va. 03-19). Michael Hunt petitioning the Board (re-applying) to keep the existing second dwelling for the purpose of caring for a friend (Whitney Bobbitt).

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item presented. There was none.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Hardship Variance Ha. Va. 03-19 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Public Hearing – Hardship Variance (Ha.Va. 04-19). Mr. Brian Stewart petitioning the Board to allow a second dwelling for the purpose of taking care of his mother.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item presented.

Questions were asked by Linda Cooper and answered by Mr. Boulette.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Hardship Variance Ha. Va. 04-19 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Shenley Neely, Director

Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Petition CPA 2019-01. Ms. Neely explained Chapter 163.3177 (6) (c), F.S. requires local government to identify water supply projects and conservative measures necessary to meet water needs identified in the water supply plans of their water management districts.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item presented. Audience member, Terry Witt spoke.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve CPA 2019-01 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER – JOHN MEEKS, CHAIRMAN

Comm. John Meeks requesting Board approval of Proclamation 2019-027, declaring May, 2019 as Community Action Month and read the Proclamation into public record.

Charles Harris, CEO of Community Action Agency spoke to the Board and introduced those in attendance from the Agency.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Proclamation 2019-027 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ANIMAL SERVICES

Dr. Darlene Esler, Supervisor

Dr. Esler presented the Animal Services' Quarterly Report for January, February and March, 2019.

Questions were asked by Linda Cooper, Renate Cannon, Toni Collins, and Terry Witt and were addressed by Dr. Esler.

Dr. Esler announced the next animal adoption event will be June 1st at Tractor Supply in Chiefland from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and the groundbreaking for the new kennel at Animal Services will be this afternoon at 2:30 P.M. This event is open to the public.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mike West, 911 Coordinator

Requesting Board approval for Resolution 2019-038 amending the Final Budget for FY 2018-2019. This budget amendment is necessary to allow for funds received from the State E911 Board in the form of a grant. The grant is for \$38,889 to cover the annual cost of maintenance for their PSAP equipment and software.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-038 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Wilbur Dean on behalf of Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval for an extension of the current Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the extension of the current Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-035, authorizing the filing of a Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant application.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-035 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-039, authorizing the application for a Trip & Equipment Grant with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-039 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval of the 2018 FTA Section 5311 Public Transportation Grant Agreement. This is a 50/50 Operational reimbursement grant fund. Reimbursement amount is \$240,084.00.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the 2018 FTA Section 5311 Public Transportation Grant Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. Requesting the Board to rescind previous approval of two Notice of Grant Awards for 2018 Section 5339 Grant in the amounts of \$76,019.00 and \$80,279.00 and approve new Notice of Grant Award to combine award amounts into one amount of \$156,298.00.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to rescind previous approval of two Notice of Grant Awards for 2018 Section 5339 Grant and to approve the new Notice of Grant Award as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGEND ITEM/AG. DEPARTMENT

Wilbur Dean requested to hear a Non-Agenda item.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Dean requested Board approval to purchase a new van to replace the van which was involved in a wreck last summer.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Barney Cannon, Ron Grant.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement van for the Ag. Department as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY CITIZEN(S) – ANN MARIE BORTZ & CINDY LUNDRY

Mrs. Bortz requested the Board to discuss County Ordinances concerning enforcement and penalties of an offender in a complaint which has been ruled in court not being enforced by county officials. She referenced Sec. 50-356-358 of the Levy County Code of Ordinances. Cindy Lundry also spoke.

The Commissioners agreed this is an issue which would need to be addressed at the next court date. The Ordinances are in place and Citations are issued for violations. The Judge would then have the authority to issue any fines, if applicable.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

- A. Requesting Board approval of Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Sherry M. Watson, PA #568 in the amount of \$20,400 for an existing unit in Williston, FL.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Payment Agreement for Sherry M. Watson, PA #568 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Presenting to the Board, the Levy County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) Report recommending Incentive Strategies for Local Housing Assistance Plan 2019-2022.

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

Alicia Tretheway

- A. Requesting Board approval to accept the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Computers at Work, Inc. DBA vTECH io for the purchase of 15 laptops and 15 tablets for LCDPS.

The three (3) bids received were:

PCN Strategies, Inc.	\$114,822.60
MRA International, Inc.	\$108,567.45
vTECH io, Computers at Work, Inc.	\$ 96,426.00

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the purchase of 15 laptops and 15 tablets from Computers at Work, Inc. DBA vTech io as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-037 amending the final budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$20,000. Mrs. Tretheway explained this Resolution is needed to appropriate funds from Capital Outlay Reserves to Repair/Maintenance-Buildings, Grounds for the asbestos removal of another portion of the old Bronson High School.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-037 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Agreement between Levy County and Dewberry Engineers for engineering related services for CR40 widening and resurfacing from Bird Creek Boat Ramp to US 19.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Agreement between Levy County and Dewberry Engineers as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-036 authorizing the termination of a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to design and construct a new aircraft parking apron at the George T. Lewis Airport in Levy County, Florida.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-036 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the Amendment to the Public Transportation Agreement for George T. Lewis Airport Design & Rehab to add additional funds from \$358,000 to \$458,000.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Public Transportation Agreement for the George T. Lewis Airport Design & Rehab as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Presenting to the Board the Quarterly Report for the 2nd quarter of FY 2019.
- B. Presenting the FY2019 2nd quarter write-off's in the amount of \$240,919.50 to the Board for approval.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the FY2019 2nd quarter write-off's as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Susan Haines, Legal Assistant

Providing the Board with an update on the scheduling of an escheated land sale. There have been approximately 42 parcels escheated to the County from the List of Lands. A sale will be scheduled in early June in accordance with the Escheated Land Policy adopted by the Board.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Merritt reported of attending the Legislative Session in Tallahassee recently. She also reminded everyone of the South Levy Marketplace which will take place on May 25th.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner stated there is an FFA Clay Shoot this Saturday in Williston.

Comm. Rooks reported she was invited to sit on a Board through Shands to identify health needs for Levy County.

Comm. Brooks reported information regarding Williston General Hospital and stated the Governor's Hurricane Conference is coming up.

Comm. Rock Meeks announced the Chiefland Watermelon Festival is on June 1st and the parade will begin at 10:00 A.M.

Comm. John Meeks reported:

The Sons of AmVets celebrated their 10th Anniversary this past weekend, which he attended on Saturday night. The Bronson FFA Banquet is this Friday night.

Comm. John Meeks stated he will be serving on the Canvassing Board for the City of Cedar Key elections this evening.

There will be a Chiefland Rotary Fishing Tournament taking place in Cedar Key on the 18th.

The Tri-County Community Resource Center in Chiefland is offering free swim lessons to those who qualify.

Sign-ups for 4-H Summer Camp are going on now.

Ellzey Church recently celebrated their 82nd Homecoming, which he attended.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks